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Testimony for HAW 3/14/2012 8:45:00 AM SB2212

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Comments:



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ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
COMMENTS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

**SB 2212 SD 1, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920,  
AS AMENDED.**

March 14, 2012

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Act 302 (2001) added Section 201.6 to the enabling legislation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to promote community-based self-governance in Hawaiian homestead communities. This language also allows for the delegation of certain authorities from the commission to democratically-elected homestead community governing organizations. The repeal of the congressional consent requirement amends the Act to read in a way that implies the department may implement this section of the Act without congressional consent. The department supports legislation like this that promotes autonomy and self-determination for DHHL and our homestead communities.

However, the repeal of this language does not necessarily change the requirement for consent. At this time, the Department of the Attorney General has not yet reviewed this legislation to determine whether congressional consent would be required if this language is repealed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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Comments:  
Aloha,

Why are we duplicating an existing Organizations like Hawaiian Homestead Communities to speak for us and furthermore DHHL is the representing factor for the native Hawaiians, so to add more bureaucratic structure is egregious and an encumbrance to all communities on Hawaiian Homestead Lands. Thank you for the opportunity to speak my mana'o.

E Hawai'i au  
Samson Brown, President  
Aupuni O Hawaii

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**Date:** March 14, 2012

**To:** Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chair, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Committee Members

**From:** William Fernandez, CNHA Native Hawaiian Policy Center Chair  
Robin Danner, CNHA President and CEO

**Re:** SB 2212 SD1 (SSCR2785) Relating to Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as Amended - Support

Aloha Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

CNHA, founded in 2001, works to advance the well-being of Hawaii through the cultural, economic and community development of Native Hawaiians. We promote our mission through the administration of the Native Hawaiian Policy Center (Policy Center) to advance sound public policy, the deployment of capital in all counties under our certified Community Loan Fund and Tax Credit Program, operation of the Hawaiian Way Fund to support cultural and community practitioners, and the delivery of affordable housing and economic development projects owned and operated by community based nonprofits.

CNHA and its Policy Center, stands in full support of SB 2212 SD1. This bill honors the outstanding work done by the legislature in 2006 with the passage of Act 302, which amended the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 to establish a stronger working relationship between the State agency, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and the more than 30 homestead associations located across the State. It has not been implemented to date, due to the generosity of inclusion of its original author, former Representative Mike Kahikina. Although not required, Act 302 extended the opportunity to the U.S. Congress to concur. As we have come to witness all across the nation, the gridlock in Congress has placed the opportunities of Act 302 to DHHL and the homestead associations, along with hundreds of other simple actions, left undone.

SB 2212 SD1, removes the sentence that extended inclusion of the Congress to concur, and allows DHHL, and the leadership of homestead associations, some of which are more than 20 years old, to move forward to implement the partnerships encouraged and intended by the legislature in passing Act 302. In these times of economic hardship and the need to streamline and leverage the limited resources available to DHHL, SB 2212 SD1 will leverage homestead associations to more actively engage in the delivery of services to assist DHHL in reducing its operating costs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to add to the committee's record through this testimony.